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In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56 and §1.97(b), the applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of these references are submitted herewith.

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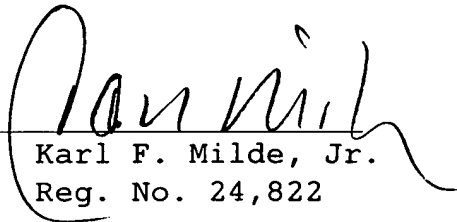
or rubber bands connected in parallel with the weights in an exercise machine.

Applicant respectfully requests that this prior art be considered during the examination of this application.

No action has issued in the above-identified application therefore, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is due at this time under 37 CFR §1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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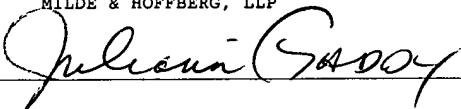
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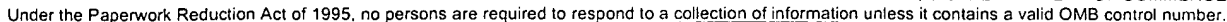
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